

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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v.

20-CR-415 (KMW)

**ORDER**

SAIQUAN ROBINSON,

Defendant.

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KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

Defendant Saiquan Robinson has requested his fourth substitution of counsel, in a *pro se* letter to the Court dated June 25, 2021, but not received by the Court until July 8, 2021, and docketed July 9, 2021. (ECF No. 53.) Trial is scheduled to begin tomorrow, July 12, 2021.

Judge Cote granted Defendant's third request for substitution of counsel on April 22, 2021, at a hearing at which she warned defendant that the July trial date is firm, and that the Court would not relieve substituted counsel going forward.

Defendant states in his request for substitution of counsel only that he and assigned counsel, Lance Clarke, "are not heading in the same direction in [his] case," and that he does "not believe that [Mr. Clarke] has [my] best interest at heart."

Because Defendant has not shown good cause for substitution of counsel, and because trial is set for July 12, 2021, the Court DENIES his request, without prejudice to renewing his request before jury selection tomorrow, July 12, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
July 11, 2021

/s/ Kimba M. Wood  
KIMBA M. WOOD  
United States District Judge